

COINAGE OF 50-CENT PIECES FOR ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF BENNINGTON

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Mr. VESTAL, from the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3895]

The Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, to which was referred the bill (S. 3895) to authorize the coinage of silver 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Bennington and the independence of Vermont, having had the same under consideration, reports the bill to the House without amendment, and recommends that the same do pass.

The bill is drawn on the lines of similar bills heretofore passed by Congress to commemorate national events, and provides for the making of 40,000 of the coins, without expense to the United States in the striking of dies and other preparations for the coinage.

The committee desires at this time to go on record as not favoring legislation of this class, because of the great number of bills introduced to commemorate events of local and not national interest, and because such quantities of the coins so authorized have had to be taken back by the Government, melted, and reminted. However, in this instance because of the important part in our Nation's life and liberty resulting from the bravery displayed at the Battle of Bennington, and owing also to the comparatively small number of coins asked for and with the assurance that the entire issue is to be absorbed by the localities most interested in this commemoration, the committee has acted favorably on this bill and recommends that it be enacted into law.

